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SUBJECT: LUNT-PERALTA EXCHANGE

REF: LISBON 1899

1. BELGIAN FONOFF DIRECTOR FOR LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS
VAISIERE HAS INFORMED US THAT ON MAY 11 BELGIAN EMBASSY
IN HAVANA DISCUSSED LUNT-PERALTA EXCHANGE WITH CUBAN
FONOFF DIRECTOR FOR WEST EUROPEAN AFFAIRS BOZA, WHO
HAD PARTICIPATED ON 1971 MEETING IN WHICH CUBANS OFFERED
EXCHANGE. BOZA REACTED TO BELGIAN DEMARCHE BY SAYING
THAT SINCE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH EXCHANGE HAD BEEN
CONSIDERED NO LONG EXISTED, CUBA HAS NO INTENTION OF
RELEASING LUNT FOR PERALTA. HE NOTED THAT CUBANS HAVE
REQUESTED THAT PORTUGUESE JUNTA RELEASE PERALTA UN-
CONDITIONALLY AND THAT THEY EXPECT JUNTA WILL COMPLY.
BOZA ADDED, MOREOVER, THAT UNILATERAL RELEASE OF
PERALTA WOULD NOT INDUCE CUBAN GOVERNMENT TO FREE
LUNT.

2. VAISIERE OBSERVED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR
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PORTUGUESE TO HOLD FIRM ON DETAINING PERALTA IF CUBANS

ARE TO BE PERSUADED TO CHANGE THEIR MINDS ON RELEASE
OF LUNT.

3. PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR TOLD CHARGE TODAY THAT HE
HAD RECENTLY URGED PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO
USE PERALTA RELEASE AS LEVERAGE FOR LIBERATION OF
LUNT. HE HAD INTERVENED AT SPECIFIC REQUEST
OF FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE. BOOCHEVER

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